

STATE OF CALIFORNIA SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY - RECOMMENDATION

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)

Subregion: EAST **Counties:** INYO AND MONO
Applicant: CALIFORNIA TROUT
Project Title: EASTERN SIERRA IRWMP LAUNCH PROJECT
Application Number: SNC 070357

PROJECT SCOPE

California Trout will initiate a process to establish a collaborative regional water planning team in Inyo and Mono Counties to address multiple water issues, increase stakeholder coordination across jurisdictional boundaries to develop high cost-benefit projects, and streamline the disbursement of funding to distinct regions. Water issues to be addressed include: ground water management, preservation of working landscapes, improvement of water structures and facilities, control and elimination of invasive species, protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, and reduction or prevention of soil erosion. This project will compile the information necessary to develop an Eastern Sierra Regional Water Plan (ESRWP).

Specifically, the project actions will include:

- Conducting outreach to stakeholders
- Recruiting, selecting, and contracting for a facilitator and a grant writer
- Developing a governance structure, regional boundaries, goals and objectives, data management strategies, and a planning process
- Identifying, collecting, and analyzing existing local water and land use planning documents and data and synthesizing the information into a comprehensive report
- Conducting monthly coordination meetings
- Establishing and maintaining an ESRWP web-site
- Drafting and finalizing an ESRW Planning document

In-kind and financial support of \$70,236 has been provided by the Sierra Nevada Alliance, CAL Trout, Friends of the Inyo, Inyo National Forest, and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends funding this project at the requested amount of \$49,663.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- Mono Lake Committee
- CA Department of Fish and Game
- Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
- Lundy Mutual Water Company
- June Lake Public Utility District
- University of California, Santa Barbara – Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Lab and Valentine Preserve
- Mammoth Mountain Ski Area
- The Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers
- The Owens Valley Committee
- Eastern Sierra Land Trust
- Amargosa Conservancy
- Eastern Sierra Audubon Society
- Ecosystem Sciences Foundation
- Inyo County Board of Supervisors
- Mono County Board of Supervisors

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Conduct outreach to stakeholders	July 2008 – September 2008
Recruit, select, and contract for a facilitator and a grant writer	July 2008
Develop a governance structure, regional boundaries, goals and objectives, data management strategies, and a planning process	August 2008 – October 2008
Identify, collect, and analyze existing local water and land use planning documents and data and synthesize the information into a comprehensive report	August 2008 – October 2008
Conduct monthly coordination meetings	July 2008 – June 2009
Establish and maintain an ESRWP website	October 2008 – June 2009
Draft and finalize ESRW Planning document	November 2008-March 2009
Complete and submit six-month progress report to SNC	January 2009
Final Report/Final Payment Request	July 2009

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Project Director salary	\$9,000
Coordinating Committee expenses (travel, per diem)	4,000
Administrative Assistant salary	4,600
Meeting expenses (materials and facilities)	1,000
Consultants (Facilitator and Grant writer)	26,548
Administrative fees	4,515
GRAND TOTAL	\$49,663